

Los Vaqueros Enlargement: Contra Costa Water District has drafted a feasibility study scope of work for DWR review that details project management responsibilities, environmental studies, engineering studies, schedule, and budget.

Sites Reservoir: CALFED agencies completed a Memorandum of Understanding with local representatives for partnering in this study. CALFED agencies completed a progress report on the North of Delta Off-stream Storage Investigation and work continues on this feasibility study.

Upper San Joaquin River Storage: Consistent with the ROD, an evaluation of alternatives for surface and groundwater storage on the Upper San Joaquin River was initiated.

Conjunctive Use: In addition to the \$2.15 million awarded to five local agencies for locally controlled conjunctive use projects, DWR completed six MOUs with local agencies to conduct sub-basin surface and groundwater storage planning studies. Groundwater conjunctive use grant application materials have been prepared for 2001.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There has been extensive public involvement in the process of evaluating storage projects. Public workshops were held for the Shasta Enlargement Project and the North of Delta Off-stream Storage Investigation. To support groundwater projects, the Conjunctive Use Advisory Team and various groundwater sub-basin planning process meetings were held with local stakeholders and representatives.

NEXT STEPS: In 2001, CALFED will continue with the following actions to support the Storage Program:

- Pursue feasibility study for Sites Reservoir.
- Continue surface storage studies.
- Form a joint DWR/USBR study of in-Delta storage, including the Delta Wetlands Project.
- Develop partnerships with local representatives to initiate studies of Los Vaqueros Reservoir enlargement and Upper San Joaquin River surface storage and sub-basin wide conjunctive water management planning.
- Implement Proposition 13 financial assistance programs for conjunctive use projects.

